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SUBJ: FOREIGN BUYER PROGRAM - INTELCOM 77

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- 1. WE ARE NOT AS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A SUCCESSFUL INTELCOM TOUR AS IS BERN, AND CONTINUE TO ANTICIPATE ENOUGH INTEREST TO ENSURE THE TOUR. THE SITUATION IS DIFFERENT IN GERMANY THAN IN SWITZERLAND IN THAT AMERICAN EXPRESS IS NOT ACTIVELY PROMOTING THEIR PACKAGE HERE.
- 2. THE QUESTION OF A TOUR INCLUDING A SEPARATE TOUR IST PACKAGE IN ADDITION TO THE PROGRAM AT INTELCOM WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSIDERED BY EMBASSY BONN, CONGEN STUTTGART, OTHER CONGENS, AND USTS DURING INITIAL PLANNING FOR THE FBP PROMOTION, BUT WAS REJECTED ON THE EXPERIENCED RECOMMENDATION OF BOTH USTS AND HAPAG LLOYD.

3. WE CONSIDER IT PREMATURE TO CONSIDER MERGING THE HAPAG LLOYD TOUR WITH THE RIVAL AMERICAN EXPRESS PACKAGE.

TO DO SO WOULD BE TO GUARANTEE THE FAILURE OF THE FBP GERMAN PROMOTION, AND WOULD PREMATURELY NEGATE THE VALUE OF THE INTELCOM PROMOTION TO FUTURE CCP FBP PROGRAMS. OUR MAJOR OBJECTIVE REMAINS TO GET POTENTIAL BUYERS TO ATLANTA. PUTTING OFF CONSIDERATION OF A HAPAG-LLOYD-AMERICAN EXPRESS MERGER UNTIL THE LATEST POSSIBLE MOMENT WILL NOT DAMAGE THIS OBJECTIVE. INDEED IT WILL ENHANCE IT BY ALLOWING POSTS TO CONTINUE TO ACTIVELY PROMOTE THE INTELCOM TRIP WITH THE HAPAG-LLOYD ORIENTED MATERIAL ALREADY ON HAND.

- 4. HAPAG-LLOYD SHOULD NOT BE BLAMED FOR USDOC'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE INFO ON HORIZON HOOSE AMERICAN EXPRESS CONNECTIONS IN TIME TO ENABLE US TO MAKE THE MOST PROPER CHOICE OF A TRAVEL URGENT.
- 5. IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT THE AMERICAN EXPRESS TRIP IS ALSO FACING DIFFICULTIES, FURTHER DEMONSTRATED BY SOFFAIR'S COMMENTS IN REF. B. SHOULD NOT USDOC BE SUGGESTING TO MR. SOFFAIR THAT HAPAG-LLOYD IS ALSO WILLING TO RELEASE SEATS FOR BRITISH PARTICIPANTS IN THE HAPAG-LLOYD TOUR, GIVEN USDOC PAPER SUPPORT FOR OUR CCP FOREIGN BUYER PROJECT?
- 6. WE ARE TAKING ADDITIONAL MEASURES AS DISCUSSED REF A, INCLUDING CALLS AND FOLLOW-UP LETTERS, TO ENSURE MAXIMUM UNCLASSIFIED

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POSSIBLE PROMOTION FOR THE HAPAG-LLOYD TRIP, AND HOPE THAT AN OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRIP WILL NOT INHIBIT SIMILAR EFFORTS BY PARTICIPATING POSTS.
BONN AND STUTTGART CONTINUE TO ANTICIPATE A SUCCESSFUL HAPAG-LLOYD TRIP.
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